

I am filing a comment regarding to the Interoperability of Video Relay Services (VRS).

I support the California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard Hearing (CCASDHH) filed Petition regarding to their proposed Declaratory Ruling on Interoperability, which requested that the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) prohibit any VRS provider that receives compensation from the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Fund from purposely restricting its deaf and hard-of-hearing customers to a single VRS provider via the software or hardware of their VRS equipment or through exclusivity agreements with those customers.

As a Missourian telephone user, my tax applies to the Missouri's Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Fund. No Video Relay Service providers that distribute free videophones to consumers to use and access VRS should require their consumers to sign a contract that prevents them from using other competitive VRS providers, nor block the videophone equipment to prevent using any other VRS providers. A VRS provider who wishes to restrict consumers to use ONLY their service should NOT be reimbursed by the National Exchange Carriers Administration's Interstate TRS Fund.

Lastly, thank you Commissioners for making this Video Relay Service available for me and many of my Deaf friends! Making telephone calls, especially business calls, through VRS has been the most effective choice of service! Please see to it that consumers like me are free to use any VRS providers.

Thank you!

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